STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8816

Petition of Swanton Wind LLC for a certificate of public)
good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, for the construction)
of an up to 20 MW wind-powered electric generation)
plant powered by up to 7 wind turbines located along)
Rocky Ridge in Swanton, Vermont)

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL D. DUBIE

NOW COMES Michael D. Dubie, and on oath does depose and swear as follows:

- 1. My name is Michael D. Dubie. I am 56 years old.
- 2. I live at 373 Zephyr Road, Williston, VT 05495 and for most of the summer, I live in our camp on Fairfield Pond, address 711 McKenzie Road, Fairfield, VT 05455. My wife and I bought the camp in 2012, but the land has been in our family since 1927.
- I am a member of Vermonters for a Clean Environment and support VCE's mission.
- 4. I am aware that Swanton Wind has applied to the Vermont Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good to build seven industrial wind turbines on Rocky Ridge in Swanton.
- 5. I believe that Swanton Wind's activities will damage Vermont's environment and economy. Swanton Wind's stormwater discharge has the real potential to damage several waterways, including, but limited to, Fairfield Pond and Lake Champlain. I believe that Swanton Wind's activities will damage Vermont's natural beauty and, as a result, negatively impact Vermont's economy.
- 6. I rely on a healthy Vermont environment and economy to earn my livelihood as President of Revision Military Technologies, located in Essex Junction, VT, where amongst

other products, we make laser protection for astronauts aboard the International Space Station. The engineers and other high tech professionals that I work with value the beauty of Vermont and the opportunities for outdoor recreation as much as I do and that is a big reason why they choose to remain in Vermont.

- 7. Year round I spend time in or around Lake Champlain and Fairfield Pond. I am a hunter, sportsman, avid boater and I regularly swim in both bodies of water. I have owned a boat for nearly my entire adult life and keep my boat on a dock on Fairfield Pond. I find no greater enjoyment than being with family and friends on Vermont's scenic bodies of water, but more than anything else, I love swimming with my kids in front of our camp in Fairfield Pond. That is why I am so concerned about the stormwater run-off from the massive concrete pads associated with 500 foot industrial windmills. There is no question this runoff creates a clear and present danger to the health and quality of Fairfield Pond and connected eco systems.
- 8. During my entire 56 years of life, I have spent quality time in my family's 250+ acres of pristine woods around Fairfield Pond, hunting, fishing, cutting wood, sugaring, camping, hiking and countless other activities. Now our family owns even more land, with about 9,000 feet of shared border between Dubie land and the land where this massive, ill-placed industrial wind project is proposed. I want to be able to share this beautiful slice of Vermont with my grandkids, just like my grandparents did with me and this project puts that all at risk.
- 9. In addition to fearing the runoff from the site, I also fear the expected noise, vibration, danger from flinging ice, distraction from the visual flicker from the blades, and the obvious drop in the property value of my land and my camp. Why ruin our beautiful ridgelines? Why ruin a way of life for those of us who love the woods around the Pond and the very Pond itself. Why do a handful of investors get rich at the detriment of the many citizens and many communities, who nearly without exception, oppose this project?

Thank you for considering my concerns. I love Vermont and our way of life.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2017.

Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _______ day of Feb., 2017.

Notary Public

My commission expires: February 10, 2019